

John Johnson Papers

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Biographical Note:

John Johnson owned a brick making company in Castleton, Indiana. He served as secretary of the Keystone Lodge of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons from the 1870s to 1890s. He died in 1905.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of records from 1853-1933, though the bulk of the materials cover 1880-1900. The first two folders consist mainly of papers related to the Keystone Lodge and contain minutes, reports, and financial documents. These two folders also contain some Johnson family papers as well, including receipts, estate papers, and family correspondence. The third folder contains mostly Albert Johnson, son of John Johnson, family correspondence and papers. The final folder consists principally of miscellaneous Masonic related papers, with a few undated family papers mixed in.

Folder and Item Listing:

Folder 1. *July 25, 1853 to Feb. 23, 1899*

1853, July 25	Notice to builders and contractors.
	Proposals for four new schoolhouses in Lawrence Twp.,
Marion County	specifications about the work and the proposals.
1853	Inventory of personal property.
1854, Jan. 31	Record of bills, receipts on notes.
1854, Feb. 12	Inventory and appraisal by Jonah F. Lerner and Ozo Bates.
	Inventory and appraisal of goods, etc. description of kind and quality of goods of the personal estate of Robert Johnson—deceased.
1854	Inventory sales.

1857, Aug. 15	Isaac N. Brown sold to Robert Johnson the Allisonville Mills property.
1863, June 6 of the	Hall of Keystone Lodge #237 Brother Frank King G.S. list of members lodge by D.R. Leever; secretary on back, description of the Lodge Hall.
1866, Dec. 17	Hall of Keystone Lodge of F. and A. Mason #251 Lodge payment.
1870, Dec. 31	Secretary's Report of money received by the lodge.
1871, Jan. 3 Kendall for	Receipt for a headstone bought by John Johnson from William H. W.W. Wallace.
1871, Jan. 6	Inventory on Lodge books.
1874, Mar. 16	To John Johnson, esq. from F.W. Hamilton reviewers appointed.
1874, June 6	Bond of the Secretary John S. Morgan gave \$200.
1874, June 6 and John	P A Leever made Treasurer of the Lodge. Bond of the Treasurers. he Liserrett gave \$700 to the lodge.
1874 Sept. 10 Secretary	To secretary of Keystone Lodge #251 F. & AM from J. Carroll Brent, of Washington contingent subscription of funds to finish the Washington Monument, an appeal for funds.
1875, June Revenue Stamps, Stamp	Circular #2; J. Allen Mason and Company Foreign Postage and albums etc. distributed among the Philatelic fraternity.
1875, Sept. 15	To Mr. Johnson from H. R. Story's, recommend Wm. Collins as a teacher.
1877, Jan. 12	To uncle & brother from C. P. Melderum.
1877, May 8 Masons. John M. Bramwell	Reduced fare rates to delegates to the Grand Lodge F. and A. Grand Secretary.
1878, Feb.23 Lodge #251 F	Stock certificate letter of John A. Bais by John Johnson, in Keystone and A Masons, and John H. Smith. Aug 18, 1883 receipt for dues on back of page.
1878, Feb 23 Keystone Lodge	Stock Certificate letter of John A. Bais by John Johnson in the #251 F. & AM and John H. Smith
1880, May 1	I.O.U. from John Johnson to the Thames Loan & Trust Company.
1880, May 24 the Thames	Mortgage of John Johnson on real estate in Marion County, Indiana Loan & Trust Company of Norwich, Connecticut.
1880, Aug. 16	I.O.U. payable to James M. Llewellyn for \$500
1880, Nov. 20 of Officers	Minutes of the Keystone Lodge #250 of Free and Accepted Mason list and members

1880	Democratic ticket of Charleston County.
1881, Feb. 25	Receipt of payment to the Franklin Insurance Company on the Lodge Building.
1881	Union Republican Ticket.
1881	Credit on dues, statement of dues due October 22.
1882, May 1	John Johnson's Release of Mortgage.
1882, Nov. 27	Note made good to the Lodge by Smith, Nesbit and Johnson.
1882, Dec.	Death Statement of John W. Hunter by the Lodge.
1883, Feb. 28	Royal Insurance Company policy – insures the Keystone Lodge #251 against fire.
1883, Mar. 21	Receipts of payment to Williams and Kistner by the Lodge.
1883, Mar. 24	Payments to N. Sigmund and Wm. H. Smith.
1883, Apr. 2	Check for payments of Grand Lodge dues in full.
1883, June 27	Receipt of payments to J A Nesbit by the Lodge.
1883, June 27	Receipt of payments to S Kleffer by the Lodge.
1883, July 21	Order of payment to L. M. Sigman.
1883, July 23	Receipt of John H. Smith for dues.
1883, Sept. 1	Masonic Mutual Life Association Insurance for Masons pamphlet.
1883, Oct. 3	The City vote for Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor.
1883	Lodge orders drawn on Treasurer by the Secretary.
1883	Bills credited to dues, petitions for 1883.
1883	1881-1883 petitions and collection of dues totals, list of those who paid in 1883.
1884	Grand Lodge of Indiana – Report booklet
1884, Jan. 12	Secretary's Report
1884, Jan. 12 [encl]	Charge of unmasonic conduct against Walter Vance
1884, Jan. 12	Treasurer report
1884, Feb. 16	Inventory of the personal estate of George G. Johnson by John Johnson.
1884, Feb. 25	Account of the sale of personal property of Robert Johnson, Sr., by John Johnson.
1884, Feb. 25	Orders by the Lodge-paid in full.
1884, Feb. 27	Account of the sale of personal property of George G. Johnson.
1884, Nov. 20	Receipt for gloves and veiling
1884, Dec. 6	Minutes of a lodge meeting
1884	Secretary's Report.
1884	Expenditures of Keystone Lodge #251.
1884	Receipts of Keystone Lodge #251.
1884	83 and 84 dues.
1885, Mar. 14	Check for Grand Lodge dues by Grand Secretary.
1885, Aug. 1	Notations
1885, Sept. 23	By-Laws of Keystone Lodge #251
1885, Dec. 1	Poet Laureate, Masonic Poems; Bob Morris – Poet Teacher of Masons.
1885, Dec. 9	Receipt from Hasselman – Journal Company

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| 1885, Dec. 31 | Secretary's Report |
| 1885 | Paid on according to Records; Disbursements money paid in according to records totals. |
| 1885 | Receipts & Disbursements made by. |
| 1886, Mar. 1 | Recommendation for brother Jackson Lynne to be worthy for charity to the different lodges |
| | of the State of Indiana, a member of Laurel Lodge #447 F & A. |
| 1886, Dec. 11 | Minutes of Lodge meeting, Election of Officers. |
| 1887, Feb. 12 | Secretary's receipt. |
| 1887, Mar. 12 | Lodge Order of payment. |
| 1887, Mar. 19 | Grand Lodge F. & A. Masons, Indiana receipt |
| 1887, Apr. 12 | A charge of immoral & unmasonic conduct against brother James F. Ellen while intoxicated |
| | he gave the signs, grips & password of the Master Mason in front of a non-mason. |
| 1887, Apr. | Charge against Brother James F. Ellen |
| 1887, Sept. 6 | Check to Nancy C. Johnson, by John H. Smith, J. A. Nesbit & John Johnson. |
| 1887, Oct. 1 | Secretary's receipt for Henry Magsain |
| 1887, Dec. 31 | Secretary's receipt for Henry Magsain |
| 1887, Dec. 31 | Secretary's receipt for Henry Magsain |
| 1888, Feb. 6 | Recapitulation statement, 1887. |
| 1888 | State Elections (Party Showings). |
| 1888 | Prohibition Ticket for President, V.P. Election & State Offices. |
| 188? | Inventory form sheet. |
| 188? | Inventory and Appraisement of Personal Real estate. |
| 188? | An account of sale of personal property. |
| <u>Folder 2. Feb. 20, 1890 to Nov. 25, 1919</u> | |
| 1890, Dec. 12 | Statement for 1890 by Masonic Mutual Life Association. |
| 1890, Dec.20 | The Masonic Temple Edition of The Graphic; Engraved picture of the Masonic Temple, |
| | Chicago. |
| 1890, Dec. 31 | Secretary's Report for 1890. |
| 1890 | Partial balance sheet from John J. Johnson & Co., Brick Makers |
| 1890 | The Graphic advertising for this popular Illustrated Weekly Design for Columbus |
| | Exposition on the Lake Front, Chicago; Chief Justice Melville W. Field, U S Supreme |
| | Court order the form for the Masonic Temple Edition of the Graphic. |
| 1891, Jan. 14 | Mortgage of Camden A. and Maud Johnson's property to William H. English. |
| 1891, Jan. 24 | Brother Wm. H. Spahr Charged with unmasonic conduct. |
| 1891, Feb. 7 | Proceedings at the 69th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge. |
| 1891, Feb. 7 | Recapitulation statement 1890. |
| 1891, Feb. 28 | Summons to a Lodge meeting. |

1891, July 1	Secretary Annual report of the amount of cash received.
1891, Aug. 15	Letter from William H. Robert, Secretary of Millersville lodge #126.
1891, Oct. 9	Letter from G. L. Zink, Secretary of Attica Lodge #337.
1891, Oct. 10	Letter from G. L. Zink, Secretary of Attica Lodge #337.
1891, Dec. 9	Postcard ad for Masonic Mutual Life Association to Millersville Lodge #126
1891, Dec. 10	Postcard ad for Mason Mutual Life Association to Keystone Lodge #251.
1891, Dec. 31	Secretary's report.
1892, Jan. 1	Amendment to Article 12 of the Bylaws.
1892, Jan. 16	Annual Statement of money-Treasure report.
1892, Feb. 1	Advertisement for model of Chicago Masonic Temple.
1892, Feb. 6	Flyer promoting the Masonic Temple Circular from Sec. J.W. Dinsdale
1892, Feb. 12	Letter from Masonic Temple Novelty Company of Chicago an ornamental novelty of the Masonic Temple.
1892, Feb. 8	Recapitulation statement 1891 signed by William H. Smythe.
1892, Feb. 10	Letter from R. S. Osburn, Secretary of Waynetown Lodge #302 about reducing expenses.
1892, Nov. 7	From brother Benjamin W. Heaton of the Cubbage & Forrey Company, Montana.
1892, Dec. 3	Minutes to the Lodge meeting, receipt of dues.
1892	From Keifer, Richardson & McCausland advertising their Keifer's Minute Book for A. F. & A. M. Lodges.
1893, June 5	The ownership of 40 acres of land in the N. W. corner of section 36- in 17-4 E in Marion County Indiana since Jan. 14, 1891 abstract of title.
1894, Jan. 1	Dues.
1894, Jan. 27	To D. M. Herrin payment for services as Secretary.
1894, Feb. 22	Recapitulation statement 1893.
1894, Feb. 24	Minutes to a Lodge meeting.
1894, July	Due.
1894, Aug. 17	To John Johnson from Wm Spahr Indianapolis Horse Exchange.
1894, Sept.15	Charges against brother Wm H. English non-payment of dues.
1894, Sept.15	Minutes to a Lodge Meeting
1894, Dec. 31	Total collected in 1894.
1894	Notes
1895, Jan. 1	List of dues owed.
1898, Feb. 2	To John Johnson from A.W.T. Lyle, MD. Samuel T Beaver, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Esker.
189?	Form for Lodge Minutes
189?	German American Insurance Co. of New York Stationery.
189?	Postcard subscription form to the "Graphic"
189?	Check of the Capital National Bank, Indianapolis.

1905, Mar. 30 The heirs of John Johnson (deceased) agreement to the division of his estate.

190? Check of the Indiana Trust Co., Indianapolis.

1910, May 18 Announcement of the birth of Charlotte Johnson to Mr. & Mrs. Hugh E Johnson
announced to Messrs. Albert & Edwin Johnson.

1911, Dec. 31 The 13th Annual Report of the American Central Life Insurance Company for 1911

1913, Oct. 4 To Messrs. Edwin and Albert Johnson announce the birth of Alberta Johnson to Mr. & Mrs. Hugh E. Johnson.

1914, May 23 To Albert Johnson from Taylor & Mason – Real Estate, Exchange, Loan & Insurance
calling card, about a property exchange.

1914, Oct. 15 Postcard to Albert Johnson from C.W. Parsley. Postcard shows Emrichville Bridge,
Indianapolis, Ind.

1914, Nov. 17 In Memories – Robert Johnson, the mourning of the Mason for R. Johnson a short
biographical sketch of the man.

1914, Dec. 29 Invitation to the annual banquet, and installment of officers, Millersville Lodge #126 to
Albert M. Johnson.

1914, Dec. 31 To Stockholders in the National Underwriting Co. from Everett Wagner, President.

1914, Aug. 16 To brother Albert from Hugh E. Johnson about insurance against fire; H. E. J. is moving
to Winona Lake, Indiana to work in the College of Agriculture.

1915, Nov. 23 To Ed & Albert from Clara E. Hunter in San Diego Calif. 1915, Dec. 19 Christmas greeting to Albert and Ed. from Corinne Johnson Swan.

1916, Nov. 9 Postcard to Albert, calendar of the Broad Ripple Lodge #643 F.& A. M.

1918, Mar. 27 Form 1040 A Individual Income Tax return for 1917 of Albert M. Johnson.

1918, Apr. 11 Application for Gold Bond of Albert M. Johnson.

1918, Dec. 16 To sister Mrs. J. E. Hunter from sister Theodosia about coming for the holidays

1919, Nov. 25 To Ira E. Johnson from Farmers Insurance Association

191? Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis check?

191? Invitation to Banquet and Installation of officers Millersville Lodge program.

191? Indiana National Bank check.

191? Merchants National Bank check.

Folder 3. Dec.29, 1922 to Nov. 29, 1933

1922, Dec. 29 To Edd & Albert from niece Charlotte Johnson in saving her money for college.

1924, Apr. 25 Dog Tax receipt for a male scotch collie owned by Albert M. Johnson.

1925, Apr. 21 To Ed Hunter from Jansen about the killing of his dog by E. Hunter; a threat against his life;
a business transaction about eggs.

1925, Dec. 3 Dedication and Consecration of the Masonic Temple, Millersville Lodge #126 program.

1925 To A.M. & I. E. Johnson from Ira Myles about their Florida trips miles from Indpls, to Miami.
Jacksonville stopover, William J Bryant Sunday School for Tourists, Miami Beach signed
his pledge not to use liquor, Seminole Indian Village, orange, grapefruit groves, coconut
trees, banana tree, Biscayne Bay, flying machines with boat's instead of wheels
(amphibious planes), Carl Fisher's addition, white sand, sand burrs, goat milk, price of land,
stores, tourist trade, garages, liquor consumption, St. John's river Bridge (Toll in Jacksonville).
Look out mountain – rocks, battle-scarred trees).

1927, June 6 To Albert Johnson from Wm H Swintz the dates of the degrees received from the lodge and
also John D. Stanmier's

1928, Jan. 6 Receipt for dues to the Order of the Eastern Star by Albert Johnson to Secretary Ethel M.
Roberts.

1928, Jan. 6 Renewal for safety deposit box for Albert Johnson.

1928, Feb. 4 To A.M. & I.E. Johnson from Ira Myles trips to Chattanooga, Tenn. the highest bridge in
the U.S. spans the Ky. River, Tenn. River Valley Ford Hotel,
Longest left bridge in U S spans
the Tenn. River. The "General" old wood burning locomotive (1858), Civil War record of the
engine, Battle Fields & Civil War Guns. Ft. Oglethorpe, Look - out mountain
(the women threw up).

1928, June 14 Uncle Albert from Charlotte Johnson, begins at Business College drew a picture of Uncle
Albert feeing pigs.

1928, Oct. 1 To Ed Johnson from Watkins dealer Samuel Kassen (postcard).

1928, Nov. 29 To A. M. Johnson from Calvin W. Prather Lodge #717 – Harry Grover, Sec. calendar for December 1928, committee & officers

1928, Dec. 14 Albert M. Johnson membership card for 1929 of the Prather Council # 100 R. & SB

1928, Dec. 15 Receipt from Ethel M Roberts, Sec. of Order of Eastern Star (Millersville).
to A. M. for dues paid.

1928 Lawrence Township Republic Ticket

1928 For Gold Bonds of 1928
 1929, Feb. 7 From Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. to AMJ 8th Annual Report for 1928
 1929, Apr. 4 From Sedwick Commission Co. to PMJ. (Livestock Commission Salesmen), sale sheet for livestock.
 1929, Oct. 16 To AMJ from S E Fish about electric lights & an electric motor for pumping water
 1929, Oct. 29 Sale sheet for AMJ from Sedwick Community Co.
 1929, To A M Johnson from The Richman Brother Co. Sales pitch for Richman Brother Co. spring & summer advertising.
 1930, Mar. 5 To AMJ from J N Gullefer Sec. of Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. Duplicate insurance policy against fire I lightning.
 1930, May 25 Receipt for .038 to Albert M Johnson from J N Gullefer, Sec.
 1930, July 29 Receipt for \$10.00 for 2 months electric service to A M Johnson from S.E. Fish, monthly statements of receipts of payments for electric service.
 1932, Oct. 31 Receipt for dues to Eastern Star, Millersville Chapter # 300 paid by Albert Johnson to Ethel M Roberts, Sec.
 1933, Apr. 23 To A M Johnson in Methodist Hospital, Indpls. From Becky (his niece) eye trouble.
 1933, Nov. 29 To A M J. from Charles King about furniture.
Folder 4. Miscellaneous undated papers
 undated Keifer, Richolson & McCausland, publishers, Howard, Kansas.
 undated Memorandum of Taxes & Improvements; John Johnson.
 undated Birth & Death dates of John & Nancy Johnson, Richard Johnson.
 undated Proceedings for non-payment of dues notice keystone Lodge #257 F & A Mason.
 undated Inventory of John Johnson property.
 undated Cyrus Ellingwood's grocery list an inventory of property.
 undated Numbers & figures
 undated Article XII on Lodge dues (J. A. Nesbit)
 undated Part of the Minutes from a Lodge meeting, conduct charge on Wm H Spahn, John Johnson, Sec.
 undated Carding card for Wm H Connett, Republican for the Legislation from Marion Co.
 undated Election votes for Lodge officers 12-20-? Cancelling his order for the American agriculture list
 undated Drawing showing roads & personal property near Castleton, Ind.
 undated A letter & envelope
 undated Dues received list

undated Masonic Temple Novelty Co., Manufacturers of Artistic Metal
Novelties, Chicago.

undated Amount of money received when inventory was taken

undated Petition of Mr. Perry L Johnson for initiation into the Lodge 5 on the
petition paid by Bro
 J. H Smith for 1st Degree.

undated The Mystic Order of the Golden Fleece - advertisement for this play for
Secret Society to
 raise money. A Burlesque time limit, production, cash. The
Pettibone Bros. M F Co.

undated Recommendation for Lodge membership C B Wadsworth.

undated In the Knight Errant lodge paper the - Pettibone Co. again on top about
their problems.

undated A sworn oath of the lodge to not reveal secret signs, passwords or
quips & aid all loyal
 Democrats, and oppose the war of abolition.

undated Bills allowed; money receipts for the lodge

undated Receipts as dues cash.

undated Charge of unmasonic conduct against James F. Ellis 4-12-1887

undated The form letter upon the death of a brother Mason.

undated The land & property around Castleton.

undated Principal and Interest of the account of Robert Johnson

undated Appraisal of a real estate in Marion County by Oliver P Korpter &
Joseph L Fisher.

undated To Sec. of Keystone Lodge from American Publishing Co.

undated "History of Free Masonry" by J.W.S. Mitchell, M.D.; membership of the
Craft.

undated Minutes to a Lodge Meeting

undated Extracts from list #36 of supplies for Masonic Blue Lodge - Jewelry,
etc.

undated Customers List. Progress Laundry Co.

undated Masonic Furniture - The M.C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio.

undated Reduction of dues from \$3.00 to \$200

undated A graphic picture of a person alone at night in the woods

undated John W. Negley – candidate for Trustee Republican - platform

undated Inventory sale of personal property.

undated Real Estate belonging to Richard Johnson, deceased parcel #2 pages
8 and 9
 deeded to him 2/26/1858.

undated The Laureate Edition - Brother Rob Morris poems.
A list of the works in the book

undated 400 page book of Masonic codes & poems.

undated Petition for a Dispensation to form a new chapter of the Order of the
Eastern Star.

undated Right of Way grant – the New Long Distance Telephone Co. granting
permission to

	each telephone poles & lines on the property of Albert M Johnson.
undated	List of the roll of the Workmen
undated	\$4 a year dues.
undated	Check – National City Bank
undated	Envelope from Sheriff Marion Co.
undated	Proceedings for non-payment of dues. Keystone Lodge #257, F & A
Masons.	

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